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COD CHOIRS

Patrick O'Shea, Director
William Buhr, Accompanist

DEC 11, 2025



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MAC such a special place for all who step through the doors. In honor of our patrons, the MAC is bringing you ***Simply the Best*** in the 2024-2025 season. Get ready for an incredible year with the best shows.

Join us for a complimentary pre-show MAC Chat or Q&A following specific performances. Our arts center, located in a community college, offers over 60 student productions supported by professional lighting, sound, and costumes. These can be enjoyed at affordable costs, or you can attend our FREE programs like Music Fridays at Noon and our free International Global Film series in February. We hope to exceed your expectations with excellent service and special pre- and post-show engagement opportunities. These will help you connect with the artists and art forms more deeply. While you are here, don't forget to visit the Cleve Carney Museum of Art in the lobby to experience cutting-edge contemporary art. You can also enjoy our full-service concession area and gift shop.

After your visit, please stay connected with us by joining us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or subscribing to our e-newsletter to find out about added shows, events, and special offers (www.AtTheMAC.org). We challenge you to try something new at the MAC and expand your cultural palate. Come see the New Philharmonic Orchestra or a Buffalo Theatre Ensemble play. Or join us this summer for the Hokusai exhibit. We are grateful for your presence here and we want to ensure that your visit is enjoyable. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Thank you for being a part of our community of arts enthusiasts and being ***Simply the Best!*** We can't wait to share these unforgettable experiences with you and hope you have a wonderful time. We look forward to entertaining you and seeing you at the theater.

Enjoy the show!

Diana Martinez



Music at the MAC

Welcome to a place where music is performed, studied, explored and shared!

In the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, students and community musicians explore the musical arts, hone their skills, and entertain audiences. You can walk through our hallways and hear the sounds of instrumental and vocal ensembles, private lessons in all instruments and voice, music classes, and performances like the one you are enjoying today.

We hope you enjoy the broad range of music we make with collaborations of eager musicians and experienced faculty in classical, jazz and unclassifiable styles. All of our ensembles welcome new members at the start of every semester and perform regularly.

Music has thrived at COD for over four decades. While faculty, students, and audiences change, we are part of a legacy of music as an essential form of human expression from the very beginning of human life. The primacy of musical expression continues to this day, despite all obstacles.

We hope you enjoy tonight's concert. Drop in on our free Music Fridays @ Noon in MAC 140. Join us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or join our e-newsletter for news about all the events at the MAC (www.AtTheMAC.org).

Thank you for joining us for these concerts. Enjoy the music!

The Music Faculty at College of DuPage

McAninch Arts Center
at College of DuPage
presents

College of DuPage
Choirs

Patrick O'Shea, Director
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Concert Choir
Chamber Singers

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Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025
Belushi Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Concert Choir

Gaudete (entrance) arr. Ron Batastini
(b. 1942)

Newfoundland Songs..... arr. Patrick M. O’Shea
(b. 1967)

A Great Big Sea Hove in Long Beach
Harbour Le Cou
Old Polina

Morgan Hutchens, flute

Christmas Carols

(*Please join us in singing as indicated!)

The First Nowell*arr. Sir David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2: Choir

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav’nly Lord
Who hath made heav’n and earth of naught
And with his blood mankind hath bought:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

O Little One Sweet.....Harmony: J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Ding Dong Merrily on High arr. Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

PROGRAM

O Little Town of Bethlehem* Lewis H. Redner
(1831-1908)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King and peace to all on earth.

Verse 3: Choir

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

See Amid the Winter's Snow..... Sir John Goss
(1800-1880)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Verse 2: Choir

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

PROGRAM

Two American Hymns arr. Alice Parker
(1925-2023)
Come Away to the Skies
Saints Bound for Heaven

INTERMISSION

Chamber Singers

Cantate Sing to the Lord Noël Goemanne
(1926-2010)

Prayer René Clausen
(b. 1953)

Quatre motets sur des themes Gregoriens Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

1. Ubi caritas
2. Tota pulchra es, Maria
3. Tu es Petrus
4. Tantum ergo

Two Settings of John 1

The Glory of the Father Egil Hovland
(1924-2013)

The Word Was God Rosephanye Powell
(b. 1962)

Felices ter (from *Six Odes of Horace*) Randall Thompson
(1899-1984)

PROGRAM

Live-A-Humble..... arr. Peter Bagley
(1935-2024)

Ezekiel Saw de Wheelarr. William L. Dawson
(1899-1990)

Combined Choirs

Down to the River to PrayGeorge H. Allen (attributed)



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TRANSLATIONS

Gaudete (*sung in Latin and English*)

Rejoice, Christ is born of the Virgin Mary!

Cantate, Sing to the Lord (*Sung in Latin and English*)

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Exult and be joyful in God.

Ubi caritas (*sung in Latin*)

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Tota pulchra es, Maria (*sung in Latin*)

Thou art all fair, Mary And the original stain is not in thee Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, Thou art the joy of Israel, Thou art the honor of our people.

Tu es Petrus (*sung in Latin*)

You are Peter, And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Tantum ergo (*sung in Latin*)

Such a great mystery, then,
let us bow down and adore,
and let the old covenant
give way to the new:
let faith provide for
the weakness of the senses.

To the Father and the Son
let there be praise and jubilation,
salvation, honor,
strength and blessing;
and to the Spirit proceeding from both
let there be equal glory.
Amen.

Felices ter (*Horace, Odes I.13, sung in Latin*)

Happy three times and more are those
for whom love holds unbroken bonds
and will not quickly unbind, broken up from
evil quarrels, until the last day.

PERSONNEL

Patrick O'Shea, *Director*

William Buhr, *Accompanist*

Concert Choir

Soprano

Mallorie Nawrocki
Hayden Oliver
Gabi Schiavoni
Rhea Thankachen
Kiyra Smith
Tricia Tran
Aris Urbina

Alto

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PROFILES

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Chamber Singers specialize in vocal chamber music of all periods with particular emphasis on Renaissance madrigal and motets, music of the 20th century, and the music of many cultures. Contemporary music includes major composers, avant-garde music and arrangements of folk, ethnic and popular music. This select ensemble includes voice majors, other music majors and other skilled singers.



Dr. Patrick O'Shea (Director) holds the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Music from Arizona State University, Master of Music degree in Choral Music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Bachelor of Music degree, summa cum laude, in Vocal Performance from Shenandoah Conservatory in

Winchester, Va. His composition teachers have included the late Russell Woollen, as well as Thomas Fredrickson and Randall Shinn. He has served frequently as a clinician and adjudicator, and has been commissioned to write new works, particularly for choral and chamber music ensembles. Dr. O'Shea is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers, American Composers Forum, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity.



Enjoying a national reputation as an accompanist, chamber musician, adjudicator and clinician, **William Buhr's** work as a collaborative pianist has taken him to performing engagements in over thirty countries on six continents. Buhr has served on the accompanying staff of the Chicago Symphony Chorus at the invitation of founder/director Margaret Hillis, and has accompanied

James Levine, Michael Tilson Thomas, Yo-Yo Ma, June Anderson, Berndt Weikl and others at the Ravinia Festival. He has also worked with Stephen Sondheim, Patti LuPone, Audra McDonald and Michael Cerveris in the Ravinia Festival productions of *Sunday in The Park with George* and *Anyone Can Whistle*.

PROFILES

Holding degrees from the University of Illinois and DePaul University, Mr. Buhr has appeared in many international festivals as well as numerous national and regional conventions of major musical and educational organizations. Mr. Buhr has served on the faculty of the Choral Music Experience Institute for Choral Teacher Education with Doreen Rao since its inception in 1986, and has played for the national touring companies of numerous Broadway musicals including *Showboat*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Phantom of the Opera*. He has served as the accompanist of the New Classic Singers since 1986, and has enjoyed an association with Anima - Young Singers of Greater Chicago (formerly the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus) since 1984.

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Volunteers provide invaluable service by assisting guests to their seats, answering questions and most importantly creating a welcoming environment for our guests.

Volunteers are unpaid, but that doesn't mean you won't be rewarded. The cultural perks you'll enjoy as a volunteer include vouchers for every shift worked offering discounts to use at the MAC Box Office and invitation to our annual volunteer appreciation dinner including prizes and gifts.

Visit AtTheMAC.org/Volunteer to fill out an online application and for more information on requirements and qualifications. Applications accepted year-round.

Questions or for more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Rob Nardini: email nardinir@cod.edu, phone (630) 942-3705.



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- Smoking is not permitted in the theater or on campus.
- For your comfort and security, all backpacks and large bags must be checked.
- Please turn off all cell phones and any other alarms while in the theater.
- Emergency phone number at COD Police Department for after-hour calls is (630) 942-2000.
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- Groups of 10 or more may contact (630) 942-3026 or grouptix@cod.edu to arrange for group discounts.
- If you notice a spill in the theater, please notify an usher.
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- **For Americans With Disabilities Act** accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692 (TDD).
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